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January. February March April May June. July. August. September. October. December.	54.8 59.3 59.1 62.2 59.7 67.4 67.5 62.9 72.5 71.0 65.4 60.6	44.8 48.0 48.8 49.8 52.1 55.5 53.6 52.0	52.0 51.7 55.1 54.0 58.6 59.8 57.6 64.0 62.3 53.7	63 73 72 76 69 87 88 69 94 96 72 68	25 15 26 4 5 15 21 20 15 3 20 12	34 37 41 43 46 49 50 49 48 43	16 1 11 16 14 8 3 5 20 24 27 22	70 74 68 75 78 74 80 86 74 72 74	1.83 3.81 1.42 0.33 0.06 T. T. 0.02 0.00 0.81 0.72	1.36 0.68 0.25 0.02 T. T. T. 0.02 0.00 0.40	20-21 8-9 11 17 6 31 16-17 22 0	0 0	71 60 84 81 75 90 80 46 70 57 53 67	6.5 8.7 7.6 9.0 11.2 11.5 12.5 12.5 11.7 8.4 7.1 5.5 5.5	NEWWSSWWSSWWNN	33 52 83 37 37 34 37 36 34 33 31	NSSWWWWWWSSWWWSSWWWSSWWW	15 24 8 11 8 9 11 10 18 7 30 25	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	21 14 24 26 20 26 21 7 19 13 18 17	0 6 6 2 8 3 10 14 7 11 6 9	10 8 1 2 3 1 0 10 4 7 11 5	8 11 4 5 4 0 0 0 1 0 6 3	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	5 1 0 0 1 0 0 3 4 2 8	00000000000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0	00000000000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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GENERAL SUMMARY.

The year 1917 was relatively warm and dry at San Francisco. The mean temperature, 56.3°, was 1.4° above the normal, while the total rainfall, 9.00 inches, was 13.27 inches, or 60 per cent, below the normal. It was the driest year in the 68 years of record. During the half-year from May to October, inclusive, but 0.08 inch of rain fell, this being less than 1 per cent of the total precipitation for the year. No severe storms or destructive winds occurred during the year, and not a single thunderstorm was recorded. No snow fell, and no frost occurred after March 31. Light hail fell on February 25. The spring months were relatively cold, the summer months were about normal in temperature, while the autumn months were abnormally warm and dry. October was the warmest and driest month of that name in 17 years, while the maximum temperature of 96°, recorded on the 3d, is the highest which has occurred at this station during a month of October in 47 years of record. More than the usual amount of sunshine was received during the year, while the wind movement was somewhat below normal. The weather of the year as a whole was generally favorable, and as far as personal comfort was concerned it was a pleasant year.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA FOR 1917.

Barometric Pressure (sea level).

Mean, 30.06 inches; highest, 30.53 inches, March 3; lowest, 29.55 inches, February 24. Temperature.

Greatest daily range, 40°; from 87° to 47°, on June 15. Least daily range, 5°; from 45° to 40°, on January 14. Greatest monthly range, 47°, in October. Least monthly range, 19°, in August. Highest mean of three consecutive days, 75°, September 26-28. Lowest mean of three consecutive days, 41°, January 15-17.

Longest period without precipitation, 54 days, June 7 to July 30, inclusive. Longest period with precipitation, 4 days, February 23 to 26, inclusive. Hail: February 25.

Other Miscellaneous Data

Last frost in spring, March 31. No frost during autumn. Killing frost, January 16, 17, 18,

Summarized Climatic Data.

TEMPERATURE, (Degrees Fahrenheit.)

At San Francisco the monthly mean temperature of the air is:

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January	-	-	-			-	•	49.5°
February	-		-	-	-	-		51.3°
March	-	-	-	-		-	-	52.7°
April -	-		-	-	-	-		53.7°
May	-	-	-	٠.		-	-	55.5°
June -	-		-	-	~	_		57.0°
July	-	-	-	-		-	-	57.3°
August	-		-	-	~	-		58.0°
September		-	-	-		-	-	59.3°
October	-		~	-	-	-		58.4°
November		-	-			-	-	55.5°
December	-		-	-	-	-		50.9°
The annual	mea	n te	mner	ature		_	_	54.9°

The mean diurnal range of temperature is as follows:

January	~			-	-	-		-	9.8°
February		_	-	-		-	-		11.0°
March	-	_	·	_	_	_		-	11.6°
April -		~	_	-		-	-		12.9°
May	_	_		-	-	~			12.2°
June -		_	-	_		-	-		13.3°
July	-	-		_	_	_		_	12.2°
August		-	-	-		٠.	_		11.3°
September		-		_	_	_		_	13.1°
October		_	_			-	_		13.6°
November		_		_	_	_		_	11.4°
December		_	_	_		_	_		9.8°
Annual	~	_		_	_	_		_	11.8°

The greatest diurnal range was 24° in January; February, 26°; March, 31°; April, 33°; May, 35°; June, 43°; July, 32°; August, 38°; September, 41°; October, 35°; November, 26°; December, 22°.

The greatest diurnal range for the period 1871 to 1917 was 43°. This occurred on June 29, 1891, the extremes being 100° and 57°.

The absolute highest temperature at San Francisco since 1871 was 101°, which occurred on September 16, 1913. The absolute lowest, 29°, occurred on January 18, 1888.

The mean variability of the temperature, as expressed by differences of consecutive daily means, based upon six years' records, 1906-1911, is: January, 2.0°; February, 1.8°; March, 2.7°; April, 3.2°; May, 2.4°; June, 2.4°; July, 2.1°; August, 2.0°; September, 2.9°; October, 3.5°; November, 2.3°; December, 2.0°; annual, 2.5°.

FROSTS.

Light frosts occasionally occur on winter mornings when the temperature near the ground is as low as or lower than 32°; but during the last 29 years there has been no date when the minimum temperature of the air, as officially recorded, fell as low as 32°. Records of temperatures near the ground are obtained from a kiosk in Union Square Park. The range of the temperature near the ground is somewhat greater than that of the shelter on the roof. The afternoon temperature is, as a rule, 2° or 3° higher, and the early morning temperature 3° or 4° lower than the official figures.

PRECIPITATION.

The heaviest precipitation in 24 hours occurred between 11:08 p. m. Jan. 28 and 11:08 p. m. Jan. 29, 1881, amounting to 4.67 inches. The next greatest 24-hour rainfall was 3.98 inches on Nov. 22-23, 1874. The heaviest hourly rainfall occurred on Sept. 23, 1904, when 0.97 of an inch fell. In two hours 1.29 inches fell, and in 16 hours and 15 minutes, 3.58 inches fell.

Number of days having 0.01 of an inch of precipitation: January, 11; February, 10; March, 11; April, 6; May, 4; June, 1; July, 0; August, 0; September, 2; October, 4; November, 7; December, 11; for the year, 67. These are the mean values for the period 1850-1911.

The percentage of rainy days in each month or the probability

of rainy days is: January, 35 per cent; February, 36; March, 35; April, 20; May, 13; June, 3; July, 0; August, 0; September, 7; October, 13; November, 23; December, 35; for the year, 18.

Snow rarely falls in San Francisco. In a period of 47 years, 1871-1917, snow has fallen 17 times. The greatest depth was 3.5 inches on Dec. 31, 1882. Snow seldom lasts more than a few hours. The date of earliest snowfall was December 31, that of the latest snowfall, March 31.

Thunderstorms are rare. Within a period of 25 years, 38 have been reported, of which 8 occurred in one year. The storms are of short duration and of feeble intensity. The month of maximum frequency is December.

Hailstorms are infrequent. In a period of 25 years, 65 storms occurred; 51 of these were in December, January, February and March. There is no record of a hailstorm occurring in June, July, August or September.

WINDS.

Monthly mean wind velocities based on records from 1872 to 1911, are: January, 5,282 miles; February, 4,990; March, 6,563; April, 7,260; May, 8,416; June, 9,118; July, 9,494; August, 9,047; September, 7,156; October, 5,792; November, 4,649; December, 4,952; annual, 82,704.

In January the wind is south from midnight until noon, veering to northeast at 1 p. m. and becoming northwest after 3 p. m. In February the same change can be noted except northeast winds begin earlier. During the summer and fall the winds are steadily west. In November a southerly component is noticeable, changing to northeast and northwest during the day. The north and northeast winds in general are followed by higher temperature in summer and lower temperature in winter. East, southeast and south winds are followed by increasing cloudiness, increasing moisture and sometimes rain. The southwest winds are marked by moderate temperature, much cloudiness or fog and occasional rain. West and northwest winds result in lower temperature, some fog, but in general little rain.

EXTREMES OF PRECIPITATION AND WIND.

Jan. 1, 1871 to Dec. 31, 1917.

	PRE	CIPITA	TION.	WIND.				
MONTH.	24-hr. max.	Year.	Day.	Max. vel:	Direc tion	Year.	Day,	
January February March April May June July August September October	3.31 2.43 1.42 1.23 0.23 0.22 3.58 2.03	1881 1857 1879 1896 1906 1584 1886 1916 1904 1889 1874	28-29 4-5 5-6 23-24 27-28 12-13 16 13-14 23-24 17-18 22-23	45 48 41 42	se. s. s. w. w. w. w. w. me. ne.	1901 1917 1902 1871 1897 1873 1898 1893 1899 1906	3 24 1 23 11 15 2 27 20 30	
November	3.40	1915	2-3	60	se.	1892	23	

COMPARATIVE DATA.

Monthly and Annual Mean Temperatures.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	An'l.
1871. 1872. 1873. 1874. 1875. 1876. 1876. 1877. 1878. 1879. 1880. 1881. 1882. 1883. 1884. 1885. 1886. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1890. 1891. 1892. 1893. 1894. 1895. 1896. 1897. 1898. 1899. 1900. 1901. 1902. 1903. 1904. 1905. 1906. 1907. 1908. 1909. 1909. 1910. 1910. 1911.	52.264.83 49.0848.80 49.444.661.226 46.77.662.227.44 47.766.227.44 47.766.85 48.70 49.867.76 47.766.85 48.70 47.766 47.7	. 14.9.2.0 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.9.0.1.2.4.7.4.8.8.8.7.6.6.6.2.9.9.8.8.0.2.9.9.3.4.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8	51.3 54.3.5 55.9 51.8 53.2 55.9 55.8 44.5 57.7 55.8 56.0 66.2 57.2 66.2 66.2 66.2 66.2 66.2 66.2 66.2 6	V 53.4.6.6.5.5.4.4.4.5.5.5.4.4.4.5.5.5.4.8.6.5.5.5.4.8.6.5.5.5.4.8.6.5.5.5.4.8.6.5.5.5.4.8.6.5.5.5.6.8.8.6.5.5.5.6.8.6.6.6.6.6.6	54.3 3 56.0 4 6 56.2 6 6 6 57.7 6 6 6 2 6 6 6 57.7 6 6 6 2 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	56,95,1114,62,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00	56.6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	57.9 8 59.5 6 59.5 6 59.5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	60.44 558.33 61.44 561.55 62.55 63.61 62.46 66.46 66.48 66.40 66.4	61.8 8 55.8 7 59.8 62.0 0 65.7 6 66.4 7 69.8 8 61.2 3 58.8 4 61.2 3 58.8 61.2 3 58.2 58.2 58.2 58.2 58.2 58.2 58.2 58.2	55.10.55.66.65.65.66.34.11.55.4.86.66.34.11.55.4.86.66.34.11.55.48.86.66.34.11.55.48.86.66.34.11.55.48.86.66.34.11.55.48.86.66.34.86.66.34.86.66.36.3	52.9 52.9 50.7 50.3 51.4 51.6 63.2 52.7 51.6 63.2 52.8 63.8	55.5.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.
1913	47.4 51.5 50.8 47.0 47.6 49.9	54.0 52.8 55.8	52.6 58.4 57.9 56.6 51.7	55.4 58.2 57.1 57.6 55.1 55.2	56.6 56.2 57.6 55.8 54.0 56.6	58.2 56.6 58.9 57.4 58.6 58.3	60.6 57.0 60.2 60.0 59.8	62.1 58.2 61.3 58.6 57.6 58.9	64.6 60.8 62.4 62.2 64.0 61.0	61.5 62.0 61.3 56.9 62.3	55.2 59.0 56.1 54.4 58.7 56.4	50.6 48.7 52.1 48.9 54.6 51.3	56.4 56.7 57.4 55.9 56.3

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES.

Mar. 1, 1871 to Dec. 31, 1917.

MONTH.	Maxí- mum.	Year.	Day.	Mini- mum.	Year.	Day.
January February March April May June July August September October	80 86 88 97 100 98 92 101 96	1899 1899 1914 1888 1887 1891 1905 1891 '04 '13 1917	26 18 18 14 28 29 7 22 8, 16	45	1888 1887 1896 1891 1906 1908 1893 1903 1900 1881	15 5 3 7 16 4 31 8 30
November		1895 1893	16 8	38 34	1896 1879	27 24

SAN FRANCISCO RAINFALL.

Monthly, Seasonal and Annual, 1849-1917.

TEMPERATURES.

Year.	Absolute Maximum.	Date.	Absolute Minimum.	Date.
1871	84	October		
1872	92	June	41	December
1873	79	October	40	February
1874	89	September	39	January
1875	82	September	39	Jan. and Dec.
1876	98	June	36	January
1877		June and Sept.	42	Jan. and Dec.
1878	78	May, Sept., Oct.	39	January
1879		**	i	
		August	34	December 24
1880	84	Мау	37	January
1881,,	83	July	40	March
1882	83	September	3.1	December
1883	95	June	35	February
1884	83	July	35	February
1885	87	Se ptember	43	January
1886,	91	September	41	Jan. Feb. Mar.
1887	97	Мау	83	February
1888	93	July	29	January 15
1889	89	September	39	February
1890	86	October	36	Jan. and Feb.
1891	100	June 29	37	December 25
1892	92	August	38	December 10
1893	90	June 3	36	January
1894	94	September	36	January
1895	89	May and Sept.	38	January
1896	91	May	33	March
1897	92 89	September 16 June 4	38	February 20 January 25
1898 1899	94	October 8	34	February 4
1900	92	September 22	40	December 31
1901	91	October 12	37	January 1
1902	83	September 29	38	January 14
1903	l	June 6	37	January 15†
1904	101	September 8	38	December 20
1905	98	July 7	39	December 31
1906	85	October 27	40	November 29†
1907	90	October 4	36	January 13
1908	89	September 29	35	December 20
1909	1	June 23	38	January 12 †
1910. ,	I	May 30	36	January 3
1911		October 16	38	February 27
1912	1	September 18	40	January 3
1918	i	September 16	33	January 6
1914	92	September 10	41	December 15
1915	t .	August 28 September 27	36 97	December 30
1916	87	October 3	37 34	January 27 January 16

[†] Also on other dates.